REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an inadvertant typographical error.

New claims 334-377 have been added. These claims are supported by the specification, for example, on page 43, lines 12-16, or on page 62, lines 29 to page 66, line 19. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Previously cancelled claims 203-260 and 263-327 (as renumbered by the Patent Office in the Office Action of September 2, 2003) have been re-presented as new claims 378-500. Several minor typographical errors in these claims have also been corrected, including correcting subscripts and adding or removing periods as necessary. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-47, 49-73, 75, 76, 97-111, 113-201, 261, 262, and 334-500 are now pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 9-31, 49-55, 102-105, 109, 111, 113-116, 121-174, 176-180, 182, 184, 185, 190, 192, 193, 196-201, 261, and 262 remain withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representatives at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.
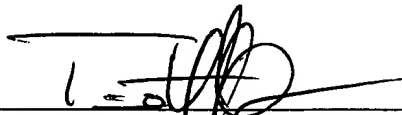
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